

## **CATCH A TIGER BY THE TAIL:** Helping Non Offending Parents Find Their Inner Strength



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In 2012, Joddie was faced with the most significant criminal investigation of her 25 years advocating for vulnerable victims. In a moment that would change the course of her career, Joddie discovered a crime and found herself in the centre of what would become an international investigation of child pornography and online solicitation of minors. The choice of advocating for child victims would cost her home, her community and her country. Joddie holds a Masters of Science in Forensic Psychology and is a Registered Psychotherapist with the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario, and a Certified Trauma Specialist from National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children. Joddie has over 25 years of experience working victims of crime. Joddie worked on local and state levels in the CAC movement. She was the founding Director for the Gettysburg, PA CAC, bring the centre from a community dream to NCA Accreditation.

Additionally experience includes interventions with first responders as part of two critical incident stress teams and also attended New York City twice, post 9/11 terrorist attacks. In addition to Joddie's clinical practice, she has facilitated the development of programs and trainings throughout the USA and Canada on topics such as line of duty death, victimology issues, secondary traumatic stress and how to support the non offending parent in child abuse investigations.

Currently, Joddie is a Registered Psychotherapist in Ontario, Canada, providing evidenced-based and trauma-informed practice.She specializes in trauma assessment and treatment, grief and loss, stress and anxiety issues for children, adolescents and adults. Additional areas of expertise include a sub-specialty with first responders and their families, and other professionals who are in the helping profession who may be experiencing PTSD or secondary traumatic stress.